



# BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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## SKATEPARK DESIGN APPROVED

Airwalks, boardslides and kick flips moved a step closer to North Park when Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District commissioners unanimously approved design plans for a new skatepark.

"I think this is amazing and I think it's going to serve so many people," Commissioner Erin Wright said. "I think it's going to be huge asset to the community."

A loud cheer erupted from project supporters when Commissioners gave their approval following a presentation by Plant-A-Park and the Platform Group at the January 20 public meeting.

"I'm blown away by your presentation and your enthusiasm," Commissioner Bob Rollins said. "This is a wonderful-looking project."

The 42,000 square foot skatepark will be located next to Boca Paddle, south of Jeffrey St. tucked into the area east of NW 2nd Ave. All of the skating features are more than 300 feet away from residences, and noise reduction measures - including trees and landscaping - are incorporated into the design. The design team prioritized maintaining green space and shade trees.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE SKATEPARK DESIGN](#)



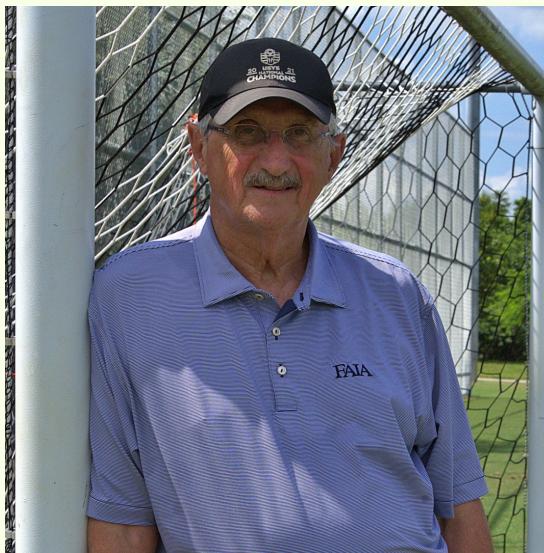
## Safety First At Traffic Garden

Boca Raton parents can take advantage of an upcoming day off from school to help their children learn lifesaving skills.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18 – a teacher work day for Palm Beach County Schools – parents are invited to bring their children and bicycles to North Park's Traffic Garden for the Kids Safety Fair presented by the City of Boca Raton's Traffic Department.

The free event created for kids aged 5-10 runs from 9-11 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring their own bicycles or push scooters. No electric vehicles are allowed at the Traffic Garden.

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## Rollins Reprises Chair Role

As their first matter of business in 2026, District Commissioners elected Bob Rollins as the board's chair. A Commissioner since 1994, Rollins is the longest serving current member. He's served as chair several times during his tenure, most recently in 2018. Erin Wright is the vice-chair. Wright served as chair for the past four years. Craig Ehrnst will continue to function as treasurer. Officers are elected during the first public meeting of every year.

## Tourney Time at Patch Reef

Casey Diamond had a couple reasons to smile as he exited Patch Reef Park's new covered pickleball complex one mid-January Friday evening.

He'd just won the Pickle For Police professional tournament, and he did so at a venue he loved.

"First time with this venue - a really nice venue they just built," Diamond said. "This feels really good."

Produced by the Boca Raton Police Foundation, Pickle for Police served as the first professional tournament played at the three-month old complex.

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## Memorable Seat With A View

Visitors to Ocean Strand Park now have a new way to enjoy the park's natural beauty. Margarita Yaganova's family donated two benches in memory of her. Crews recently installed the benches on the west side of the park, providing a peaceful view of the Intracoastal. The benches previously found in that area were relocated to North Park's Traffic Garden. For community members wishing to make similar donations to District parks, [here is a link to the process.](#)



## Jolly Days In Pictures

An outdoor pajama party, several craft events and an early new year's celebration helped make the holiday season memorable. District-owned Sugar Sand Park and the District-funded Gumbo Limbo Nature Center served as the sites for several Boca Jolly Days events.

[Here's a large photo gallery](#) from many of the events, including all four Gumbo Limbo Aglow! nights, the Make It, Take It, Gift It crafting event, Who Wants To Paint A Snowman?, and the Noon Year's Eve party.

## CAP Coming To Patch Reef

District Commissioners voted unanimously to move ahead with the renovations to Patch Reef Park's community center. The upgrades - which will include ADA-compliant restrooms and increase meeting space - will enable Boca Raton's Community Accessibility Program (CAP) to make significant use of the center. CAP enhances quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families by fostering community-building programs, providing resources, and offering education and training.

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

**MONDAY FEB. 2**  
**Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.**

**TUESDAY FEB. 17**  
**Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.**

**MONDAY MARCH 2**  
**Commissioners' General Public Meeting, 5:15 p.m.**

**Meetings at Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center  
21618 St. Andrews Boulevard Boca Raton, FL**

## Ode To Open Space

"City parks serve, day in and day out, as the primary green spaces for the majority of Americans." - *Bruce Babbitt, former Secretary of the Interior.*



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**CITY OF Boca Raton**  
RECREATION SERVICES

Learn about Recreation Services projects included in the [Government Campus Masterplan](#)

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Interested in keeping track of the current and upcoming work projects at Boca Raton parks? Boca Raton Recreation Services has a page for you. Follow the link below to learn about improvements and temporary closures.

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